THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Consequent upon the repeal of the Air Corporations Act, 1953, it became necessary to amend the relevant section of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 to provide for continuance of the Central Government as 'Appropriate Government' for Air India and Indian Airlines. The Regional Labour Commissioner (C) 2Bombay had temporarily kept in abeyance, coaciliation proceedings in the issues raised by the Unions belonging to the two airlines. However, after obtaining a clarification in this regard by Central Labour Commissioner, conciliation proceedings have been resumed

Agreement Between ITDC Management and Hotel Employees

3268. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the last wage agreement between India Tourism Development Corporation management and hotel employees were signed and also implementation in each hotel etc.;

(b) the name of the parties who were signatories to the agreement and also when did this agreement expire;

(c) the date of verification of strength of various unions taken place in ITDC;

(d) whether it is a fact that All India Parytan Jan Mazdoor Sabha was not invited to wage talk negotiations by the ITDC management thought Sabha has representations in four|five hotels|units;

(e) whether it is also a fact that to prevent the union taking part in negotiations, the ITDC management has issued circular in the past banning entry of certain office bearers of the union; if so, the date of such circular, issues involved, etc.;

(f) the rules|regulations under which the ITDC management banned the entry of registered trade union office bearers.

(g) the number of office bearers of other registered trade unions functioning in ITDC were banned by the management during the last three years; and

(h) whether it is a fact that this ban is the result of inter officer rivalry in ITDC top management?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The last Wage Agreement for ITDC Hotel Employees was signed on 5th March 1990 between ITDC Management and Action Committee of Trade Unions in ITDC (Called Joint action Committee) as well as All India ITDC Workers Federation of INTUC led unions representing hotel employees. This settlement was valid for the period 1.7.86 to 30.9.90

(c) In order to ascertain representative character of various unions in ITDC hotels, elections are conducted from time to time wherever and whenever due.

(d) The Paryatan Jan Mazdoor Sabha at that time did not have a representative character for wage negotiations in ITDC.

(e) and (f) ITDC management did not issue any such circular with a view to prevent the union from taking part. in negotiations.

(g) and (h) No office bearer of any registered trade union was banned by ITDC from carrying out union activities.

Development of Sea Beaches in Orissa

3269. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities available at beach towns, beaches in Orissa for the tourism at present;

(b) whether thers is a vast scope to promote tourism by developing the sea beaches in Orissa; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Department of Tourism, Government of India on receipt of specific proposals from the State Government of Orissa has sanctioned construction of Yatri Niwas at Puri in 1992-93 for an amount of Rs. 44.85 lakhs, tourist complex at Gopalpur in 1993-94 for Rs. 38.23 lakhs and a tourist complex at Paradeep in 1993-94 for Rs. 32.50 lacs for facilitating the development of tourism on the beaches of Orissa.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Department of Tourism in consultation with the Government of Orissa has identified Puri—Konark as a Special Tourism Area for integrated development of tourism in this area.

Foreign Tourists

3270. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by Government to promote tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the target set for the arrival of foreign tourists during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 and the number of foreign tourists actually arrived; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to attract increasing number of foreign tourists to the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The steps taken by the Government of India to promote tourism in the country include development of tourism infrastructure, marketing and publicity efforts development of facilities for adventure sports, promotion of fairs and festivals and Human Resource Development.

(c) The details of targets set for the arrival of foreign tourists during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 and the number of foreign tourists actually arrived are placed below:

Year	Target Set	Actual Arrivals
1992-93 . . .	1955000	1820239
1993-94 . . .	2000000	1871262
1994-95 . . .	2200000	1909601

(d) The steps being taken to attract more foreign tourists to the country include strengthening of overseas publicity and promotion and improvement of infrastructural facilities.

Wetlease of A-310 Airbus

3271. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to wetlease some A-310 Airbus aircrafts which are with Air India;

(b) if so, the reasons for taking such decision; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.